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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN-CUBAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FEB 16 ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOM AND CUBA HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MFA STATEMENT ADDED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WISHED TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. COMMENT: CUBAN RECOGNITION IS A LOGICAL OUTCOME OF
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MALAYSIA'S INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A POSITION EQUIDIS-

TANT FROM THE MAJOR POWER BLOCS AND ITS POSITION AS THE ONLY EAST ASIAN MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE GROUP. A MALAYSIAN DELEGATION ATTENDED THE NAN PERMANENT BUREAU MEETING IN HAVANA IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR.

3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE TO CANADA, ALBERT S. TALALLA, WILL BE NAMED AMBASSADOR TO CUBA RESIDENT IN OTTAWA (REFTEL). AS UNDERSECRETARY I FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS TALALLA HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN MALAYSIA'S NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY.
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